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SUBJECT: PARTY PLENUM IN LATE OCTOBER

REF: WARSAW 5651

1. TWO HIGH LEVEL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SOURCES HAVE TOLD THE EMBASSYS AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE DURING THE PAST WEEK THAT THE LONG DELAYED CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM TO DEAL WITH AGRICULTURAL MATTERS WOULD BE HELD IN LATE OCTOBER.

2. TWO JOURNALISTIC SOURCES HAVE ALSO TOLD US DURING THE PAST WEEK THAT THE PLENUM WOULD BE HELD IN LATE OCTOBER, AFTER GIEREK RETURNS FROM THE UNITED STATES. ONE OF THE SOURCES SAID THAT HE HAS HEARD THAT THE PLENUM WOULD ALSO PRODUCE SOME HIGH LEVEL PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE PARTY. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, GRUDZIEN WILL COME TO THE PARTY SECRETARIAT AND LUKASIEWICZ WILL REPLACE GRUDZIEN AS KATOWICE FIRST SECRETARY. WERBLAN WILL MOVE ONTO THE POLITBIURO, POSSIBLY REPLACING

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3. COMMENT: SINCE EARLY SUMMER WERBLAN HAS APPEARED TO BE GAINING IN STATURE IN THE PARTY HIERARCHY AND HIS ELEVATION TO THE POLITBIURO WOULD SEEM A NATURAL DEVELOPMENT, AS WOULD SZLACHCIC'S REMOVAL NOW THAT HE IS NO LONGER ON THE SECRETARIAT AND APPEARS TO BE PLAYING ONLY A MINOR GOVERNMENTAL ROLE AS A VICE PRIMER. IT WOULD ALSO NOT BE SURPRISING TO SEE GRUDZIEN MOVE ONTO THE SECRETARIAT, WHERE HE COULD WORK DIRECTLY UNDER GIEREK SUPERVISING MINING AND HEAVY INDUSTRY, LARGELY CONCENTRATED IN HIS PRESENT HOME BASE OF SILESIA. THE LUDASIEWCZ MOVE SEEMS THE LEAST LIKELY TO US, BUT, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, IT WOULD

COME AS A RESULT OF A BARGAIN WITH THE WARSAW PARTY ORGANIZATION WHICH THE SOURCE SAYS IS JEALOUS OF SEEING SO MUCH POWER CONCENTRATED IN THE HANDS OF THE SIELESIAN GOUP. THROUGH LUKASIEWICZ, THE SOURCES REPORT GOES, THE WARSW GROUP WOULD GET ITS FOOT IN THE SILESIA DOOR. WERBLAN MIGHT ALSO LIKE TO SEE LUKASIEWICZ LEAVE THE SEVRETARIAT IN ORDER TO BROADEN HIS WRIT IN IDEOLOGICAL POLICY.

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